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Beacon Award
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Hello,

The Board of the Beacon Social Justice Literary Society thought you would be interested in knowing about a new award for unpublished novels with social justice themes. It is called the Beacon Award for Social Justice Literature. The purpose of the award is to encourage new works of fiction that move readers to feel sympathy with characters they may at first have seen as very different from themselves, think about struggles for social justice and alternative possibilities for our society and increase their understanding of and passion for social justice.

The prize is \$1000 and publication of the winning novel by Roseway Publishing. The jury, which will consist of three distinguished writers, critics and teachers involved in social justice literature, will also be able to award two "encouragement prizes" to promising writers, particularly those from marginalized groups; for example, Aboriginal, Black, young, elder, gay/lesbian/transgendered, New Canadian, or writers with a disability.


For the time being, the award is being offered only to writers living in the three Maritime provinces, but we hope to be able to expand it in the future. The deadline for the first competition is February 1, 2011.

Brochures are enclosed with more information about the award and we hope you will circulate them in your organization and community. If you would like to receive more brochures for distribution please contact us at 902.826.1125 or info@beaconaward.ca. There is also a website, www.beaconaward.ca.

We appreciate any help you can give us with spreading the information about this new literary award. If you would like more information, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Beverley Rach
(for the Beacon Social Justice Literary Society)